

Statement**Assam Telecom Circle**

The number of telephone connection provided in Assam during the years district-wise are as follows:

Name of District	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99 Upto November 1998
Kamrup	3519	4758	2613	8405	7125
Bongaigaon	510	710	300	462	240
Dhubri	400	611	322	725	262
Kokrajhar	200	390	182	150	48
Goalpara	145	200	193	435	150
Barpeta	232	636	526	724	45
Naibari	255	226	520	474	23
Jorhat	671	994	1073	3136	131
Golaghat	279	524	736	1764	212
Sibsagar	523	749	700	2354	305
Nagaon	1105	1173	1110	4682	894
Morigaon	359	189	396	442	298
Karbi Anglong	167	214	60	331	141
Sonitpur	661	1922	1416	1783	339
Daurang	184	405	579	936	172
Lakhimpur	141	675	617	679	182
Dhemaji	93	265	411	337	61
Dibrugarh	900	1350	1800	1857	213
Tinsukia	890	1324	2090	3544	435
Cachar	1027	1896	1220	2792	408
Karimganj	663	769	450	328	247
Hailakandi	59	275	125	96	152
N.C. Hills	120	40	69	41	61
GRAND TOTAL	13103	20295	18003	36477	12154

**New Post Offices in Kendrapara District
of Orissa**

2069. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications requesting for opening new post offices in the rural areas of Kendrapara district in Orissa are pending with the department for the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many new post offices are proposed to be opened in Orissa during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b)

No sir, only one application for opening of new Post Office at Madhupur Village is under examination and is pending finalisation due to non-receipt of complete information.

(c) A target for opening of Ten (10) Departmental Branch Post Offices and two (2) Departmental Sub Post Offices has been fixed for Orissa Circle during the current Plan 1998-99; subject to availability of resources.

**Telephone connections in Dakshinpuri
Extension**

2070. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of O.Bs issued by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. under the Nehru Place Telephone Exchange during the year 1998 so far;

(b) how many O.Bs were issued in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area during the year 1998;

(c) whether it is a fact that O.B. issued in July has not given telephone connection so far in the said area; and

(d) by when, telephone connections are likely to be given in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, MTNL, Delhi issued 5249 OB's under Nehru Place Telephone Exchange during the year, 1998.

(b) 439 OB's have been issued in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) area during the year 1998.

(c) Yes Sir, telephone connections could not be provided due to the area being technically not feasible.

(d) Telephone connections in Dakshinpuri Extension (DDA Flats) are being provided progressively and are likely to be provided by March, 1999.

Expansion of internet connectivity

2071. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited propose to expand Internet connectivity services to different cities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Earth stations to be built in Hyderabad in this connection and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Case is under examination of the Telecom Commission. No decision has been taken so far.

डाक और तार (पा० एण्ड टी०) कर्मचारियों के लिए अजमेर में कालोनियां

2072. श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अजमेर (राजस्थान) में डाक और तार (पी० एण्ड टी०) विभाग के कर्मचारियों के आवास हेतु निर्मित कालोनियों की संख्या कितनी हैं,

(ख) क्या उक्त कालोनियों में सफाई, पार्क, स्वास्थ्य, सड़क व नाली-मरम्मत एवं निर्माण तथा सिवरेज की व्यवस्था का काम डाक एवं तार विभाग देख रहा है, और

(ग) क्या सरकार नागरिक सुविधाओं हेतु उक्त कालोनियों को नगर परिषद को सौंपने का विचार रखती हैं, यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या करण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ) : (क) अजमेर में डाक-तार विभाग के कर्मचारियों को आवास मुहैया कराने के लिए 04 कालोनियां हैं।

(ख) जी हां।

(ग) जी नहीं। अजमेर नगर डाक कालोनी की सफाई के लिए स्थानीय पालिका प्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध किया गया था परन्तु उन्होंने इस संबंध में कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की। अतः विभाग उक्त कालोनियों में नागरिक सुविधाएं मुहैया करा रहा है।

Refund of security deposits of telephones in Gurgaon

2073. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of cases where the telephones have been shifted/transferred in Gurgaon to third party and their security deposits are yet to be released even after a lapse of more than a year, and

(b) by when Government propose to release their security deposit without waiting for their formal applications for refund of security deposit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Sir, No case is pending under third party transfer in Gurgaon, where telephone has been shifted/ transferred and security deposit yet to be released. However, one case for refund of security is pending. The concerned subscriber has been requested to furnish deposit documents.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.